

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 0283

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4  
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PO  
SUBJECT: POLITICAL CHANGES IN LISBON

REF: A) LISBON 8694 (1976), B) LISBON 0029

1. SOARES' CONFIDANT VICTOR CUNHA REGO TODAY TOLD ME  
STAGE HAS BEEN SET FOR CABINET RESHUFFLE. MINISTERS TO  
BE REPLACED ARE LABOR MINISTER, MINISTER INDUSTRY AND MINISTER  
COMMERCE. LATTER TWO POSTS ARE HELD BY MINISTERS ALSO  
HOLDING OTHER PORTFOLIOS (RESPECTIVELY PLANNING AND  
AGRICULTURE). THESE CHANGES CORRESPOND TO INFORMATION  
PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY EMBASSY SOURCES (REFTEL A).

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2. CUNHA REGO FELT CONFIDENT THAT WITH IMPROVED POLITICAL  
ATMOSPHERE AND CABINET RESHUFFLE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE  
STABLE ENOUGH FOR HIM TO BOW OUT OF HIS PRESENT  
JOB. HE IS ANGLING TO BECOME GOP AMBASSADOR TO THE  
UN. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE GOP COULD NOT MAKE A BETTER  
CHOICE ALTHOUGH HE WILL BE MISSED IN OFFICE OF PRIME  
MINISTER AS SOARES IS NOTORIOUSLY LAX ON ADMINISTRATIVE

FOLLOW-THROUGH.

3. CUNHA REGO SAID SOARES WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED  
IN DEVELOPING A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CDS  
(REFTEL B). CUNHA REGO, HOWEVER, HAD TOLD SOARES  
HE FELT IT WAS INTIRELY UNREALISTIC FOR THE PS AND  
CDS TO THINK THEY COULD LEAPFROG THE PSD.  
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